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amendments have been adopted. I now have pending an amendment by Senator Chambers, FA101, page 1128, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this amendment would amend the committee amendment. So it would go to AM0353. Senator Schellpeper, is this your bill? I'd like to ask Senator Schellpeper...

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schellpeper, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...oh, I see. I found my agenda for today. I see it is Senator Schellpeper's bill. Members of the Legislature, as in other cases, I'm not going to ask Senator Schellpeper any questions. I have a particular reason for doing this. Senator Schellpeper's bill deals with something which has nothing to do directly with that in which I am interested. My amendment would be found on page 1 in line 12. There is a semicolon which would be stricken and replaced by a comma, and the following words would be inserted, we're dealing with a definition of person, and there are many things, or several things included in that definition. This is the new language, "but in no case does person include an individual of homosexual or bisexual orientation or any combination of such individuals". This amendment is offered to give the Legislature an opportunity to say directly, forthrightly, and explicitly what is being declared by the various legislative acts that are placed. If it is believed that people who have a bisexual or homosexual orientation are persons, the discrimination, once the Legislature becomes aware of it, would be deemed intolerable. And in the same way that special provisions have been enacted to protect those from discrimination, because of their age, because of their political philosophy or opinions, because of a physical or mental disability, race, gender, marital status, then legislation would be enacted to guarantee the rights of these others, that is if they're deemed to be persons or human beings. I want to give the Legislature the opportunity to make that declaration. If this amendment is not adopted, then by casting